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1. FOR SARA HORSEY-UNABLE TO REACH DEPARTMENT BY PHONE BUT WISH TO TRANSMIT INVITATION BY AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MOROCCO TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON TO SPEAK AT ITS MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR MARCH, DURING HER STAY FOR CONSULAR CONFERENCE. CHAMBER SUGGESTS SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES OR U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY OR OTHER SUBJECT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON'S CHOICE. RELATIVELY BRIEF TALK FOLLOWED BY QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD HAS PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL FORMAT AT PREVIOUS CHAMBER LUNCHEONS. CHAMBER MAY INVITE AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB TO JOIN IN THIS LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON'S VISIT AS WELL. PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH GROUPS ARE MADE UP SUBSTANTIALLY OF NON-AMERICANS, WHO HAVE BOTH BUSINESS AND CULTURAL TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES.

2. IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON ACCEPTS TO SPEAK TO CHAMBER, WOULD SHE DO SO IN FRENCH, AND LEAD SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IN FRENCH? PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER SAYS SPEECH WOULD BE MOST WELCOME IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ENGLISH, BUT FRENCH WOULD DRAW LARGER CROWD.

3. IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON AGREES TO SPEAK, WHAT DAY WOULD SHE PREFER?

4. CAN DEPARTMENT SUPPLY SHORT TEXT OF BACKGROUND FOR NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON'S SPEECH

TO AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE? ALSO WE WOULD APPRECIATE
BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON PREFERABLY
IN BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

5. IS DEPTMENT SETTING UP SCHEDULES OF TOPICS OF
DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE AND AMOUNT OF TIME TO BE SPENT
ON EACH? IF SO, WILL SUCH SCHEDULES BE PRINTED IN ADVANCE
BY DEPARTMENT OR SUBMITTED TO THIS POST TO DO SO?MONJO

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